



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

**Human Relations Committee**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**1:30 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following items and to hold a Public Hearing on 19-0832, Proposed Resolution:

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 09/26/2018

[19-1291](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, STANLEY MOORE and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**ESTABLISHING A COOK COUNTY COMMITTEE ON ADDRESSING BIAS, EQUITY,  
AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2- Administration, Article VI, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Division 1 - generally sections 2-480 through 2-482 of the Cook County Code, is hereby enacted as Follows:

**Sec. 2-480. Short Title.** This Division shall be known and may be cited as the “**Cook County Committee on Addressing Bias, Equity, and Cultural Competency**” (The Committee)

**Sec. 2-481. - Policy and Purpose.**

(a) *Policy.* This ordinance hereby creates a Committee to make recommendations to the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, as well as the Cook County Government, as a whole, regarding the need for increased training and an evaluation of policies and procedures relating to addressing bias and creating a more equitable, culturally competent Cook County Government.

(b) *Purpose.*

- (1) Cook County shall explore ways in which to address training, policies, and procedures that decrease bias and increase cultural competency to produce a more equitable and productive government.
- (2) The Cook County Human Rights Ordinance protects all people who live and work in the County from discrimination and harassment in employment, public accommodations, housing, credit transactions, and County facilities, programs and services. Cook County strives to build upon the Human Rights Ordinance to maintain that discrimination in any form will not be tolerated and seeks to make Cook County a more equitable and inclusive government that affirms the identities and humanity of all Cook County employees and residents
- (3) Addressing bias and creating a more equitable government will help create a more productive workforce and allow Cook County Government to provide better public service to the residents of Cook County.

**Sec. 2-482. - Cook County Committee on Addressing Bias, Equity, and Cultural Competency.**

(a) This advisory Committee shall consist of:

- (1) The four (4) lead sponsors of this ordinance to serve as co-chairs of the Committee.
- (2) The Cook County Board President or their designee; Cook County Health and Hospital System representative(s) as determined by the Cook County Health and Hospital System Chief Executive Officer or their designee. Cook County Sheriff Department representative(s) as

determined by the Cook County Sheriff or their designee. Cook County Office of the Chief Judge representative(s) as determined by the Cook County Chief Judge or their designee. Cook County State's Attorney representative(s) as determined by the Cook County State's Attorney or their designee. Cook County Bureau of Human Resources representative(s) as determined by the Cook County Bureau Chief of Human Resources or their designee.

- (3) Community-based advocacy organizations, experts in diversity, equity, and inclusion training, government training professionals and advocates of equity within government, and other government officials as invited by the Committee members from the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

(b) The Committee members will serve for the six months, following the adoption of this ordinance, needed to research this issue and to develop a final report. The Committee can decide to meet at an agreeable time, date, and location beyond that time as it sees fit.

(c) The Committee shall review and make recommendations in writing on the success and challenges of current policies and procedures of Cook County Government and the Cook County Health and Hospital System in regard to training employees on implicit/explicit bias and cultural competency.

(d) The Committee shall review and make recommendations in writing on current best practices and proposals from similar government entities across the United States that address training, policies, and procedures that decrease bias and increase cultural competency to produce a more equitable and productive government.

(e) The Committee shall review and make recommendations in writing a plan for implementation of County-wide training on bias and cultural competency with a focus on specialized training for departments, as needed.

(f) The Committee the advisory Committee shall meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month or otherwise designated by the chairs of the Committee for the six (6) months following the adoption of this ordinance.

(g) The Committee shall report its findings to the President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners on or before September 30, 2019.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

**Legislative History :** 1/24/19 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Human Relations Committee

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S TREATMENT OF TRANSGENDER, GENDER NON-CONFORMING AND INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Trump administration and the Department of Health and Human Services is considering narrowly defining gender as a biological, immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cook County Board of Commissioners has been informed of this by Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison and LGBTQ advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison and LGBTQ advocates see this effort as a hateful attempt to roll back recognition and protections of transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex people; and

**WHEREAS**, This proposed definition would essentially eradicate federal recognition of the estimated 1.4 million Americans who identify as a gender other than the one they were assigned at birth; and

**WHEREAS**, This proposed definition would erase children who are born with intersex conditions, which is about 1.7 percent of the population, having been born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't fit the typical definitions of female or male; and

**WHEREAS**, This position makes irrelevant and discounts what transgender, gender non-conforming and intersex people understand about themselves and discounts what medical providers know and understand about their transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex patients; and

**WHEREAS**, This redefining would force genetic testing to resolve any dispute, denying transgender and gender non-conforming individuals their autonomy and humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Children born with intersex conditions often have male and female genitalia that do not fit the Trump administration's proposed definitions; and

**WHEREAS**, The Trump administration has already attempted to bar transgender people from serving in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is affirming and welcoming of all individuals to self-identify; and

**WHEREAS,** Cook County stands with the transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex community and affirms that intersex, gender non-conforming, and transgender people #WontBeErased; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Cook County Board President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the identities of transgender, gender non-conforming and intersex people, celebrate them, affirm their lives and call on President Trump and the Department of Health and Human Services to stop any attempt to narrowly define gender as biological; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That suitable copies of this resolution are presented to President Donald J. Trump and Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar II.

**Legislative History :** 1/24/19 - Board of Commissioners - amend

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Secretary

Chairman: Deer

Vice-Chairman: K. Morrison

Members: Anaya, Johnson, Miller, Sims and Suffredin